



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Wednesday, December 30, 2015

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-0225)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Keren M. Goldberg and Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D.

Excused: Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-0226)

Call to Order. (16-0130)

Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- 1. Approval of the December 23, 2015 Minutes. (16-0131)**

On motion of Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, unanimously carried, this item was approved with the following revisions:

Item 2, Page 2: The tally of votes was added to the minutes for both candidates.

Item 3, Page 3: The following language was revised “She shared many accomplishments and collaborations with various departments, agencies, law enforcements”.

Item 7 Page 4: Add “Commissioner Grills visited: Junior Blind of America”.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

- 2.** Chairperson’s Report on various items. (16-0132)

Chairperson Montaña stated that this was her final meeting as SBC Chair and thanked the Commission for supporting her during her time as Chair.

- 3.** Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-0133)

There was no report presented.

- 4.** Commissioners’ Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from December 24, 2015 to December 29, 2015. (16-0134)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:

- **Penny Lane #4 (Valjean Street, North Hills, CA) on December 28, 2015.**
- **Children's Homes of Southern California "Valerio Group Home" (Valerio Street, Van Nuys, CA) on December 28, 2015.**

Commissioner Arias-Bhatia visited:

- **Heritage Group Homes #1 (Country Wood Drive, Phillips Ranch, CA) on December 29, 2015 and noted that the window screen in Bedroom #4 needs to be replaced.**
- **Heritage Group Home #3 (East Eckerman Avenue, West Covina, CA) on December 29, 2015.**
- **Maryvale (East Graves Avenue, Rosemead, CA) on December 1, 2015 and noted that there were 12 AWOLs and 12 assault of staff reported during the last 30 days.**

During the reporting period, the following facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

Vice Chairperson Bigby and Commissioner, Grills, Ph.D. visited:

- Camp Mc Nair (West Avenue I, Lancaster, CA) on December 29, 2015 and noted that there is rust build-up around the toilets; low water pressure in bathroom AB-S; within the last 30 days there was one use of force incident and one assault on staff. A follow-up inspection is scheduled for February 2016.
- Camp Onizuka (North Stephen Ranch Road, La Verne, CA) on December 29, 2015 and noted that some youth reported staff were taking youth's personal belongings; the youth do not have phone access; food is not being thoroughly cooked before being fed to the youth; the youth are being pepper sprayed without warning by staff; there is no programming for youth that have already graduated from high school; there were 76 incidents in 2015, 11 within the last 30 days. Staff was directed to forward a copy of the Commissioners findings to the Probation camp Director.

Not Home

Commissioner Duran visited:

- Boys/Girls Republic (North Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA) on December 27, 2015.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

5. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-0135)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-0136)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

7. Adjournment for the meeting of December 30, 2015. (16-0137)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of December 30, 2015 at 11:14 a.m.

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